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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6892**  
**BILL NUMBER: SB 281**

**NOTE PREPARED: Feb 2, 2010**  
**BILL AMENDED: Feb 1, 2010**

**SUBJECT:** Local Law Enforcement Issues.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Arnold  
**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Battles

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed Senate

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) *Use of Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund-* The bill requires funds in the county law enforcement continuing education fund (CLECEF) to first be used to fund a continuing education program and allows any remaining funds to be used for the purchase of software, electronics, cameras, and other technology.

*Working Vehicle Tail Lamps-* The bill specifies that motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, and pole trailers (excluding truck-tractors, truck-tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combinations equipped with a B-train assembly, vehicles manufactured before 1956, motorcycles, and other motor-driven cycles) must have two working tail lamps to be operated on a highway.

*Use of Firearms Training Fund-* The bill allows money in the firearms training fund to be used to purchase body armor.

*Technical Corrections-* The bill makes technical corrections: (1) requiring a city, town, or county to provide an active member of the police department with body armor for the torso; (2) requiring a city, town, or county to replace armor according to the replacement period recommended by the manufacturer of the armor; and (3) providing that a unit cumulative capital improvement fund may be used to purchase body armor for active members of a police department.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2010.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) *Use of Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund*- This provision could allow the expanded use of CLECEFs. If funds in a CLECEF remain after first providing for continuing education programs, then those funds could be used to purchase software, electronic devices, cameras for police vehicles (not including automated traffic enforcement cameras), or other technology that could assist law enforcement agencies.

*Use of Firearms Training Fund*- This provision would allow funds to be used to purchase body armor and could potentially affect the amount of local handgun license revenue that is used for the other purposes allowed for under current law. (Those purposes include: law enforcement firearms training, other law enforcement training, purchase of firearms, or purchase of firearm-related equipment.)

The impact would depend on local action.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local law enforcement agencies.

**Information Sources:**

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